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Hearings

- May 8th, Associate Administrator Alex Dunn (OCSPP) testified before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change. Members discussed H.R. 1603, the “Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2019.” Information on hearing, [[HYPERLINK "https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-ban-asbestos-now-taking-action-to-save-lives-and-livelihoods"](https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-ban-asbestos-now-taking-action-to-save-lives-and-livelihoods)] Text of H.R. 1603, [[HYPERLINK "https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1603/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%221603%22%5D%7D&r=2&s=4"](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1603/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%221603%22%5D%7D&r=2&s=4)].
- May 7th, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt testified before the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. More information, [[HYPERLINK "https://appropriations.house.gov/events/hearings/fy20-budget-department-of-the-interior"](https://appropriations.house.gov/events/hearings/fy20-budget-department-of-the-interior)].
- May 8th, The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in full committee to mark up: H.R. 1985, “DISASTER Act,” H.R. 2440, the “Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act,” and H.R. 2502, “Transparency in Federal Buildings Projects Act of 2019.” More information, [[HYPERLINK "https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/05/06/2019/full-committee-markup"](https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/05/06/2019/full-committee-markup)].
- May 8th, The U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works conducted “Oversight Hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Civil Works Program.” More information, [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=34DF38E4-B361-4E29-A3B0-05EA80ACCC1D"](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=34DF38E4-B361-4E29-A3B0-05EA80ACCC1D)].
- May 9th, Energy Secretary Rick Perry testified before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy regarding DOE’s FY2020 Budget. More information, [[HYPERLINK "https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-the-fiscal-year-2020-doe-budget"](https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-the-fiscal-year-2020-doe-budget)]

Meetings

- May 8th, Acting Region 4 Administrator Mary Walker, region staff, and OCIR met with Representatives Brian Mast (FL-18) and Terry Sewell (AL-07).
- May 9th, Acting Region 4 Administrator Mary Walker, region staff, and OCIR met with Senator Blackburn (R-TN) and Senator Shelby (R-AL). Addition, region staff and OCIR met with staff for Senator Rubio (R-FL) and Senator Scott (R-RL).
- May 10th, The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs hold markup on FY2020 appropriations. The



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bill includes funding for the Paris Agreement and prevents the United States' withdrawal from the Agreement.

LOOK-A-HEAD

- May 13-14 Administrator Wheeler will travel to West Virginia with members of the West Virginia delegation.
- May 14th Administrator Wheeler will meet with Representative Kildee (MI-05) and Representative Fitzpatrick (PA-01) to discuss issues related to PFAS.
- May 15th The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change will hold a hearing on "Protecting Americans at Risk of PFAS Contamination and Exposure." More information, [[HYPERLINK "https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-protecting-americans-at-risk-of-pfas-contamination-exposure"](https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-protecting-americans-at-risk-of-pfas-contamination-exposure)]
- May 15th The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will conduct a hearing "Oversight of the Council of Environmental Quality." Information, [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=84CA2181-3A68-4D01-AE5D-EC8237E5436A"](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=84CA2181-3A68-4D01-AE5D-EC8237E5436A)].

STORIES OF INTEREST

CONGRESS:

- House Transportation and Infrastructure to hold hearing on Boeing 737 MAX [[HYPERLINK "https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/aviation-subcommittee-hearing-status-of-the-boeing-737-max"](https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/aviation-subcommittee-hearing-status-of-the-boeing-737-max)]
- Michigan State University professionals hold roundtable on PFAS [[HYPERLINK "https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2019/msu-hosting-pfas-roundtable/"](https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2019/msu-hosting-pfas-roundtable/)]